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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- 1. Response to Restriction Requirement (6 pgs.), and
- 4. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 26859-002. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant hereby responds to the Restriction Requirement dated February 10, 2006. Also, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.